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Growth Chart in Anganwadi Centres
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Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a provision under Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS) Scheme to make a growth chart of each child in Anganwadi Centres and if so, the details thereof;
(b) whether all Anganwadi Centres are maintaining this chart; and
(c) if not, the initiatives being taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT
(SHRIMATI MANEKA SANJAY GANDHI)

(a) Yes, Madam. Growth monitoring of children and nutrition surveillance are important activities of Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS) Scheme at grassroots level. Children under three are to be weighed once a month and children 3-6 years of age weighed quarterly. For this purpose, there is a provision of two types of weighing scales − baby weighing Scale and 25 kg Salter scale. Weight-for-age growth charts are to be maintained for all children below six years as per WHO Child Growth Standards. These growth charts help identify children in various categories like normal children, moderately underweight children and severely underweight children. There are two separate charts for girls and boys. The tracking through these charts help detect growth faltering and facilitate prompt action and referral.
(b)&(c) As per the Scheme, all the Anganwadi Centres are required to maintain the growth monitoring chart for assessing the nutrition status of children. The States/UTs are advised in the Review Meetings from time to time to ensure the above.

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